Present status of DPAP in Andhra Pradesh

2599. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the results achieved under DPAP in the State during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) In the programme districts of Andhra Pradesh, 2675 watershed development projects have been sanctioned under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) since 1995-1996. These projects cover an area of 13.375 Lakh hectares.

Funds for the implementation of the watershed development projects are released in seven instalments. The number of instalments released is, therefore, a parameter to determine status of the projects. All the seven instalments (entire funds) have been released in 798 projects. The remaining projects are at various stages of implementation. The details of projects sanctioned and their present status in the programme districts is as under:—

Distt.	Total project Sanctioned	Projects in which the entire funds have been released	Projects which are at various stages of implementation
1	2	3	4
Adilabad	255	90	165
Chittoor	320	105	215
Cuddapah	204	41	163
Kurnool	337	76	261
Khammam	114	30	84
Medak	156	63	93
M.Nagar	415	132	283

1	2	3	4
Distt.	Total project Sanctioned	Projects in which the entire funds have been released	Projects which are at various stages of implementation
1	2	3	4
Nalgonda	233	79	154
Parkasam	355	98	257
R.Reddy	177	39	138
Sirikakulam	109	45	64
TOTAL	2675	798	1877

(c) The watershed projects taken up under DPAP in Andhra Pradesh are got evaluated every year in the month of September by the State Government from external agencies. The report received indicate the following year-wise results:—

Parameter	Results achieved		
	As on September 1999	As on September 2000	2001-2002
1		3	4
Average increase in water level (in metres)	1.15	1.75	The evaluation work entrusted to an external agency. *i.e.* ORG-MARG. The mid-term evaluation pertaining to 300 sample water-sheds is
Wells rejuvenated (numbers)	26443	23143	
Open Wells dug (numbers)	4764	7781	

1	2	3	4
Bore Wells dug (numbers)	12950	13764	under progress.
Additional area brought under cultivation (in ha.)	95569	109329	
Increase in milk production (lt. Per day)	234609	209536	
Decrease in Labour migration	25%	30%	

The decrease in number of wells rejuvenated and milk production per day during September, 2000 as compared to September 1999 is mainly due to drought conditions prevailing in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the year 2000.

Request for allocation of rice under Food for Work programme to A.P.

2600. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government and MPs from the State have requested for release of additional five lakh metric tonnes of rice under 'Food for Work' programme; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. On the request from State Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Ministry of Rural